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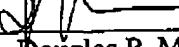
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Dear Sir:

Pertaining to the above-referenced patent application, Applicants respectfully assert that a claim for foreign priority was made at the time of filing this application and that certified copies of the priority documents were filed with the International Bureau in Application No. PCT/JP99/02548. Attached is page 2 of the Office Action mailed, August 21, 2000, in the parent application that officially acknowledged receipt of the priority documents JP 10-135472, filed May 18, 1998, JP 10-219266 filed August 3, 1998, JP 10-222151 filed August 5, 1998, JP 11-005144 filed January 12, 1999 and JP 11-015851, filed January 25, 1999. However, neither the Office Actions nor the Notice of Allowance mailed on February 8, 2008 acknowledges such priority claim. It is requested that a Supplemental Notice of Allowability be issued and returned to the undersigned reflecting the priority acknowledgement. Applicant also requests that this information be printed on the published application.

Respectfully submitted,

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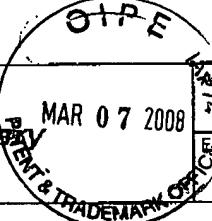
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**Office Action Summary**

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Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_

This action is FINAL.

Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 3 month(s), or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

**Disposition of Claims**

Claim(s) 1-49 is/are pending in the application.

Of the above, claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.

Claim(s) 1-49 is/are rejected.

Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.

Claims \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.

The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

The proposed drawing correction, filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is  approved  disapproved.

The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

All  Some\*  None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been received.

received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) \_\_\_\_\_

received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\*Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_

Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

**Attachment(s)**

Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). 4

Interview Summary, PTO-413

Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

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